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Youngstown Goodwill creates Vision Support Group; offers peer support and resources

The VIP Vision Support Group was created by Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries for both visually impaired persons and very important people! We are proud to bring a support group to the valley as a safe space for individuals who are visually or print impaired. Our goal is to offer valuable support and a connection to resources that can help improve the individuals quality of life.

Monthly meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at Youngstown Goodwill's main office, 2747 Belmont Avenue in Youngstown. Individuals



Pictured: The Youngstown Radio Reading Team

can also join the meetings remotely using a

call-in number. Sessions will offer peer support from Goodwill team members in addition to an open forum for discussion and guidance.

Some meetings will also feature guest speakers who can offer insight or helpful resources related to vision or vision issues.

The next meeting will be January 20 and all visitors will be required to wear a face mask or covering and follow COVID safety guidelines. To learn more, please contact Mike Muder, our Radio Reading Coordinator, at 330-759-7921 or m.muder@goodwillyoungstown.org.

EMPLOYEE PANTRY RENAMED AFTER LONGTIME EMPLOYEE

Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries has renamed its employee food bank "The Diane Schrum Food Pantry," after one of its longtime employees, who died unexpectedly in September. The pantry serves employees, especially any with disadvantaging conditions, by providing access to free food items, dry goods and personal care items that they may need.

"We are honored to name our employee pantry in memory of Diane," said Mark Goloja, Youngstown Goodwill CEO. "She truly embodied our mission and was a shining light throughout our Goodwill community."

Diane Schrum was born through a complicated birth in 1957, which resulted in an array of developmental disabilities, a seizure disorder and cerebral palsy. She worked for area restaurants and the Austintown Local Schools, and, over time, her disabilities became more prominent, and she needed some assistance. In 1991, Diane turned to Goodwill and began working in the textile department at the main plant in Liberty. She did so for 26 years until her retirement in 2019.

Wanting to remain active at Goodwill, Diane then joined its volunteer organization, The Junior Group, to donate her time furthering the nonprofit's mission. She was chair of a

committee, active in serving monthly coffee and donuts to employees and an integral part in setting up and stocking the pantry.

"Diane became an active, vibrant member of the community thanks to the skills learned through her employment at Goodwill," said Kathy Gerberry, who not only serves as the Junior Group President, but was also Diane's sister.



In an ongoing effort to provide food assistance to Goodwill team members, The Junior Group, in collaboration with Youngstown Goodwill, will regularly supply the pantry with items and calls on the community to help support this initiative.

"Your support of this service will be greatly appreciated," Gerberry noted. "When I asked Diane what she liked best about Goodwill, she replied, 'the people, they always help me.' Please help the Junior Group make life a little easier for the

people of Goodwill."

Nonperishable or financial donations can be made in Diane's memory to the Diane Schrum Food Pantry at Goodwill's main office, 2747 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, OH 44505.

"Diane made a huge impact on our organization, and we felt it was only fitting that she continue to do so with the naming of the pantry," Goloja added.

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Calcutta and Salem Goodwill Stores Honored by CCBDD

Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries is honored to have accepted two awards for our Salem and Calcutta locations from Reach 4 More, a jobs development program of the Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disabilities.



The award presentation at our Salem location.

We're proud to continue to offer diverse and inclusive workplaces in the community where individuals can find meaningful employment and growth opportunities.



The award presentation at our Calcutta location.

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Thanks for Believing in the Power of Work!

Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries has been serving Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania for more than 125 years. We offer a variety of programs and services to help individuals prepare for and find meaningful employment. We strive to help people in the community, with and without barriers, find opportunities along with professional success and personal satisfaction. We appreciate your support!

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Goodwill in Action: Meet our Workforce Development Team!

Youngstown Area Goodwill offers a variety of programs and services to help individuals in our community prepare for and find meaningful employment. To help fulfill our mission, we have our dedicated Workforce Development Team.

If you are looking for a job or need assistance with the process, Tadarrelle, our Career Services Manager, can help. He helps clients with career services, such as job searching and placement, in addition to soft-skill development, such as interviewing. Tadarrelle enjoys engaging with colleagues, partner organizations and the community and ensures his clients are competitive candidates in the workplace. Tadarrelle is from Youngstown and values being a resource to the community.

"I believe in helping the population we serve," he said.

Amanda, Vocational Rehabilitation Manager, has been with Goodwill for nearly five years. Amanda is a Mahoning Valley native, who works with clients that have been referred to Goodwill from partner agencies. In her work, she performs vocational

evaluations, community-based assessments, digital skills training and work adjustment. She focuses on supporting individuals who are looking to get back into the workforce through soft skills and on-the-job training.


"I enjoy working with all different types of people and positively impacting their lives," Amanda noted.

As our Career Coach, Teaza works with individuals in our community by helping them to create resumes, apply for jobs and build computer soft skills. In addition to her work, she helps clients connect with community resources, like affordable housing. She assists the Valley through referrals and walk-ins and enjoys working with people who want to better themselves: "I love being part of Goodwill's organization and all that they continue to do for our community."

As a mom of three children with autism, Teaza said her goals include offering more work programs and assistance to individuals with barriers.

To learn more about our programs and services, visit our website or call 330-759-7921, ext. 1222.

THE FACES OF YOUNGSTOWN GOODWILL



Meet Lionel, who is going on his 28th year working at Youngstown Area Goodwill. Lionel is a valued team member of our business services department, but specializes in laundry. He continues to display his impressive ability to get things done and was recently promoted to Lead Washer Dryer Operator. "Goodwill is a special place. I'm happy I can do what I do and be appreciated for it."

During his tenure at Goodwill, he has gained experience working in various areas of our organization. From textiles to janitorial, he said he has enjoyed meeting different people and becoming an asset. "I get satisfaction in knowing I can do my job well, and people rely on me and put their trust in me."

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LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW THE DIANE SCHRUM FOOD PANTRY IS MAKING AN IMPACT AT OUR ORGANIZATION

Goodwill employs diverse and talented individuals, with and without barriers and disabilities. Our food pantry was designed to provide all of our employees with access to food and personal care items. The goal is to remove any stress that can come from worrying about where or how they're going to find their next meal or hygiene products. The food pantry provides assistance to team members in need, particularly anyone struggling with transportation issues, personal or family issues, mobility issues, health issues, financial issues or any other barriers.

Thank you again to the Junior Group for helping stock the employee pantry and everyone who has donated to it — together, we can continue to change lives!

Vision Screening Program



Since September 2021,
our organization has had
23+ volunteers
that have become certified vision
screeners through our partnership
with Prevent Blindness.

We have screened
910+ children
in Mahoning, Columbiana and
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